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In re Application of

Guo-Liang Yu et al.

Serial No.: 09/314,889

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: WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed October 9, 2001, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the filing of a timely response to the Office action mailed February 21, 2001.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicant on February 21, 2001, setting a three month shortened statutory time period for reply. Applicant filed a response after final rejection on May 21, 2001 and the examiner mailed an advisory action on June 6, 2001. On September 28, 2001, the examiner mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicant indicating no response to the Office action had been received.

Applicant states that a reply to the Office action, including a request for a one month extension of time, request for CPA, preliminary amendment and a check for \$2,650, was filed on June 21, 2001, as evidenced by a date stamped post card. Applicant provides a copy of the submitted reply, cancelled check and date stamped post card with the petition. A review of USPTO records reveals that the \$2,650 fee was processed on June 22, 2001. In view of this evidence, applicant is considered to have submitted a timely reply.

Applicant's petition is **GRANTED**. The application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision and will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Bruce Campell by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-4205 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 746-5006.

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